

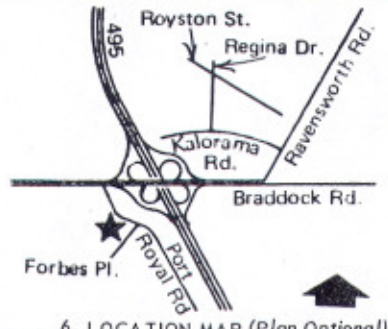
1. STATE <b>Virginia</b> COUNTY <b>Fairfax</b> TOWN VICINITY <b>Annandale</b> STREET NO. <b>5252 Port Royal Road</b> <b>Annandale, Virginia</b> ORIGINAL OWNER <b>William Fitzhugh</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>Residence</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>Carrington Williams, Tr.</b> PRESENT USE <b>Industrial Park</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Frame and clapboard and</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>2 1/2</b> <b>wooden shingles</b>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY #119 2. NAME <b>Ravensthorpe (Destroyed 1926)</b> DATE OR PERIOD <b>c. 1796</b> STYLE <b>---</b> ARCHITECT <b>Unknown</b> BUILDER <b>Probably William Fitzhugh</b>
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **No**

The tract, purchased in 1685 by the first William Fitzhugh from the original grantee, John Matthews, contained almost 22,000 acres in what is now Fairfax County. The land was surveyed in 1690 and a direct grant was confirmed in 1694. The boundaries extended roughly from present-day Fairfax City to Falls Church, south to the vicinity of Pohick Church, then west and northwest to the beginning. A group of French Huguenots was installed as tenant farmers to raise tobacco, and later Ravensworth Road, a tobacco rolling road, was established with the tidewater port of Colchester on the Occoquan River as its destination.

In 1796, the first William's namesake and great grandson purchased a townhouse at 607 Oronoco Street in Alexandria from which he supervised the construction of the Ravensworth mansion on the portion of the estate south of Braddock Road. On August 1, 1926, the mansion house was the victim of an arsonist. Many priceless portraits in the extensive family collection were saved, but 17 were lost. The Virginia Historical Society was given the remaining paintings, and some of the antique furniture saved was given to "Arlington House." The estate was sold in 1957 for development and remains in the family cemetery were removed to Fairfax Cemetery across from Truro Episcopal Church.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    --    Interior    --    Exterior    --



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH <b>HABS, c. 1890</b>
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. See <b>Virginiana Collection files, Fairfax County Public Library.</b> E. L. Templeman, "Ravensthorpe," <b>Historical Society of Fairfax County, Virginia, Yearbook, Volume 7, 1960-61.</b>	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>Mrs. Ross D. Netherton</b> <b>Fairfax County Division of Planning</b> <b>4100 Chain Bridge Road</b> <b>Fairfax, Virginia 22030</b> DATE OF RECORD <b>2/24/72</b>